

FIG. 1

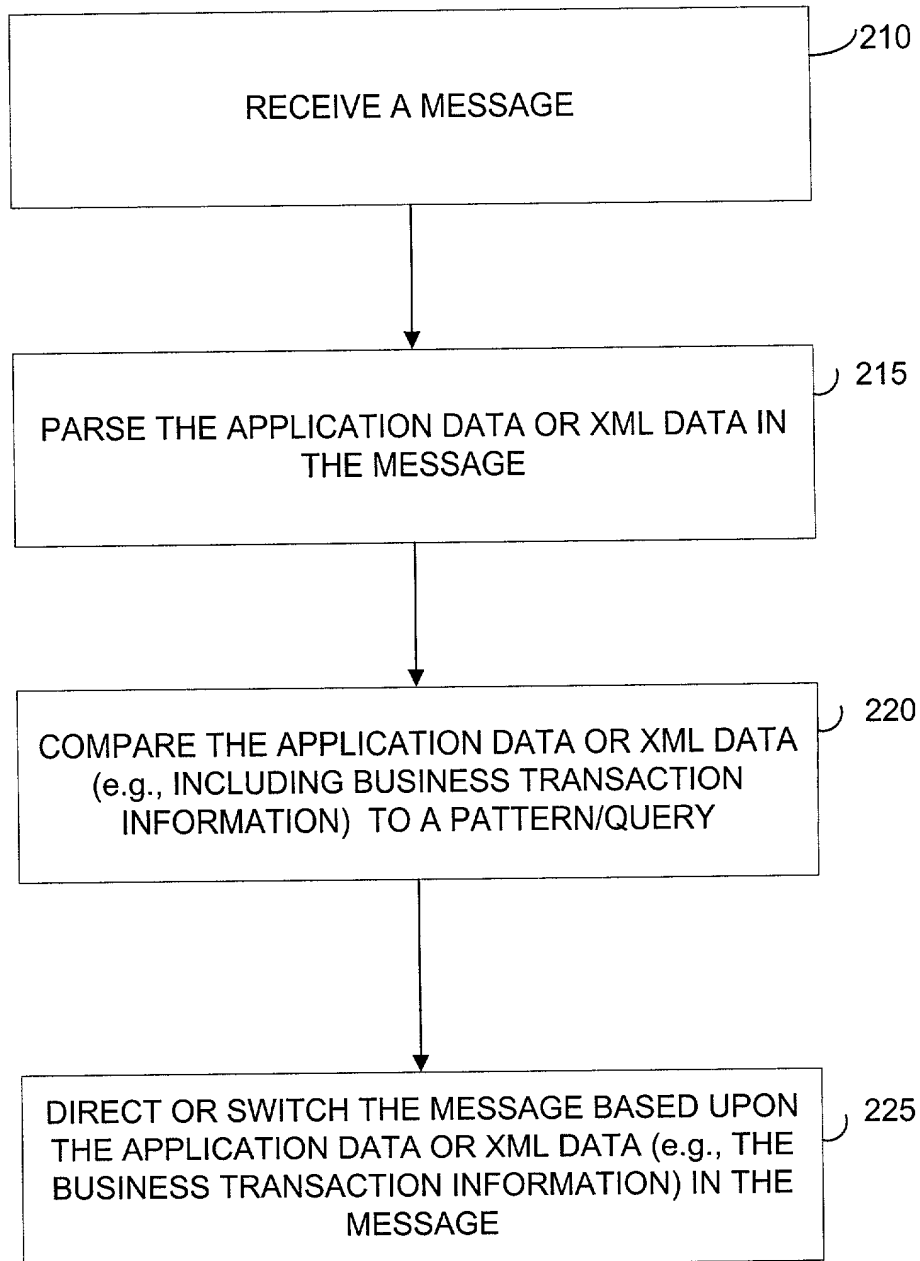


FIG. 2

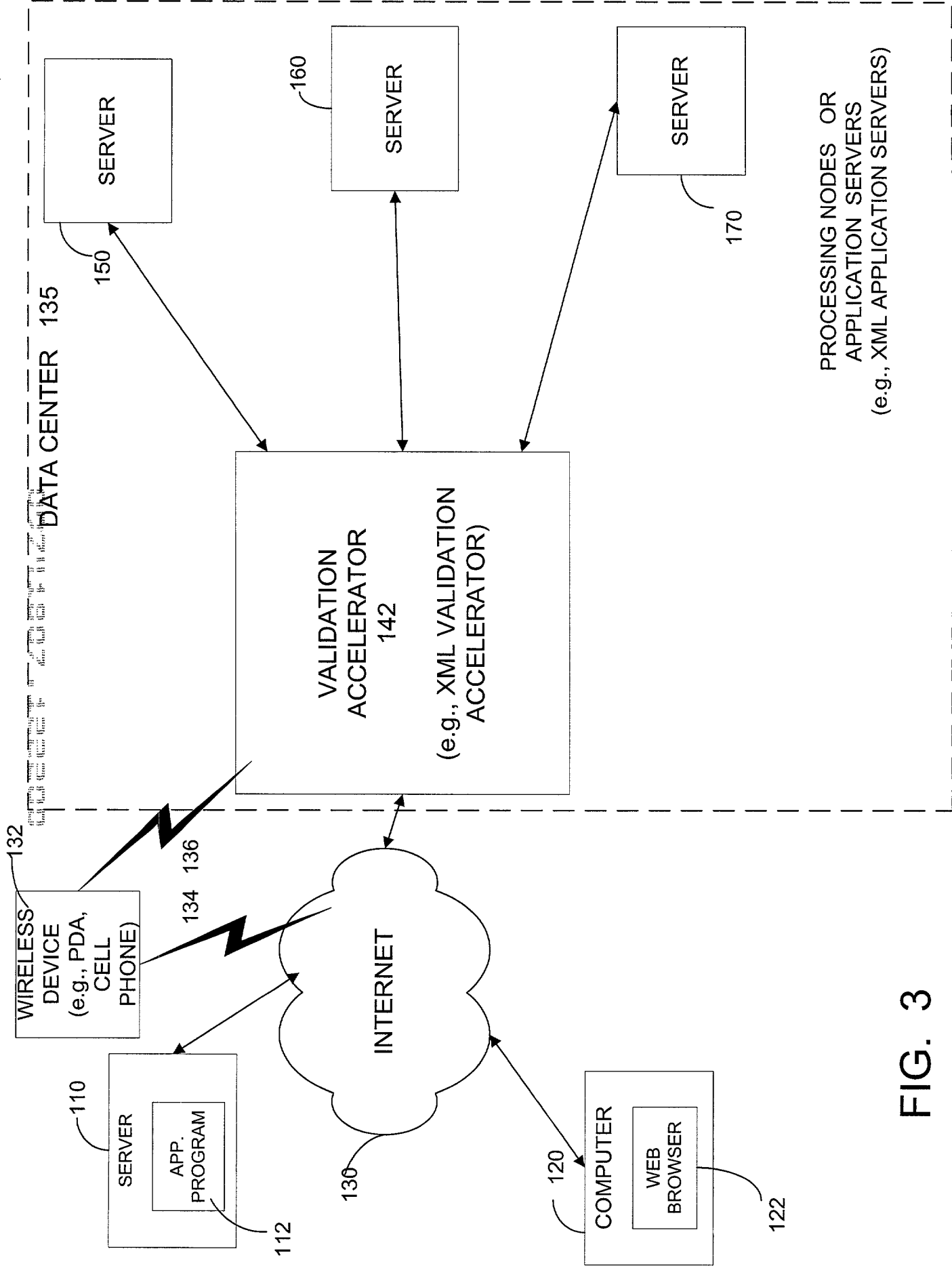


FIG. 3

EXAMPLE MESSAGE  
OR DOCUMENT  
(A XML DOCUMENT  
IN THIS EXAMPLE)

EXTERNAL  
COMPONENT  
IDENTIFIER 417

VALIDATION  
INSTRUCTIONS 415  
(PROVIDING OR  
IDENTIFYING A  
VALIDATION TEMPLATE)

INTERNAL  
COMPONENT  
419

EXAMPLE  
XML  
DOCUMENT  
410

```
<!DOCTYPE hogsforsale "hogs.dtd" [
```

```
<!Element Type ... >  
<!Element AvgWt ... >  
<!Element Quantity ... >  
<!Element Price_Hog ... > ] >
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```
<XML>  
<Hogs For Sale>  
  <Type> Virginia Hogs </Type>  
  <AvgWt> 110 LBS </Avg Wt>  
  <Quantity> 32 </Quantity>  
  <Price_Hog> 100 <Price_Hog>  
</Hogs For Sale>  
  
</XML>
```

XML APPLICATION  
DATA  
420

FIG. 4

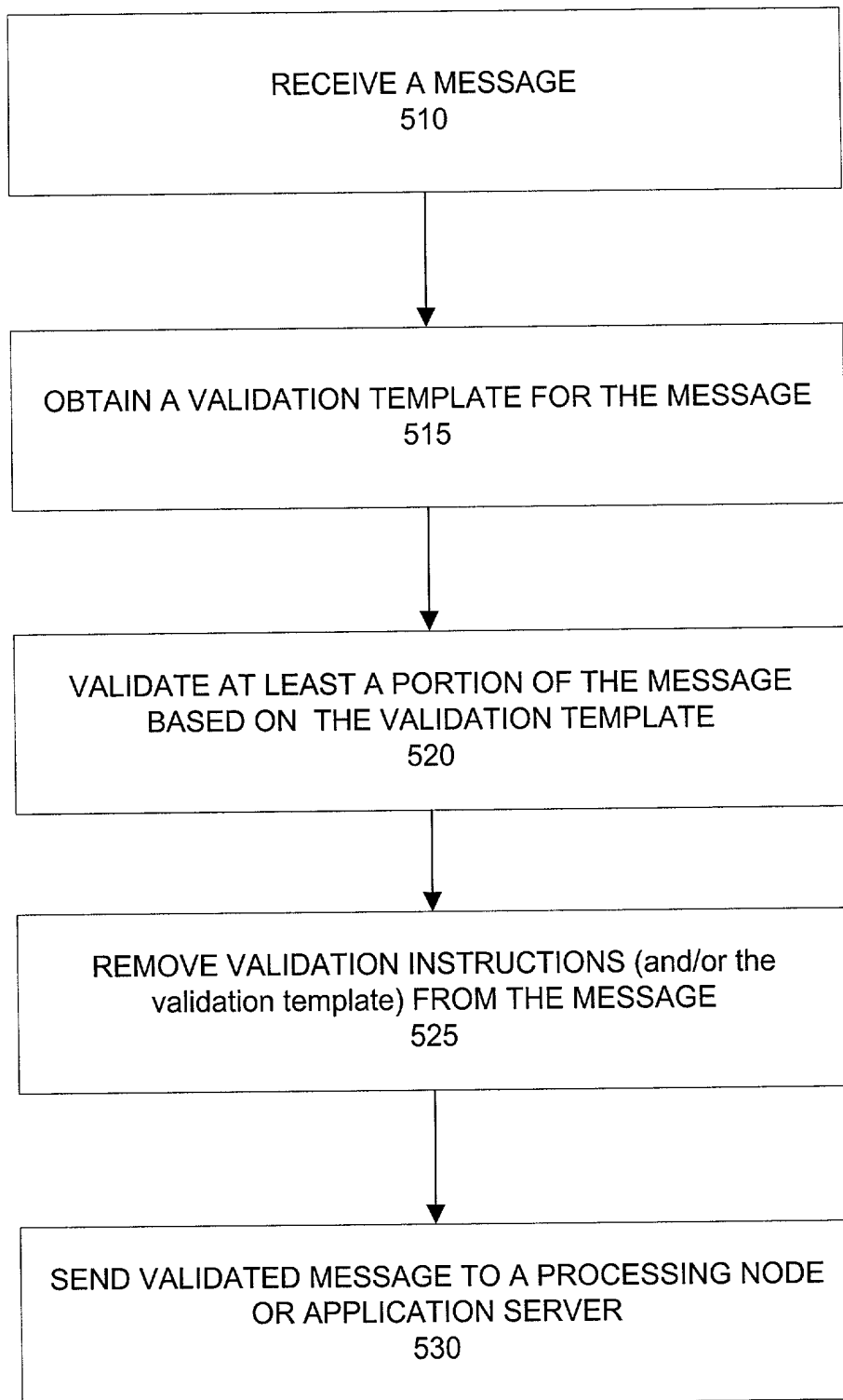


FIG. 5

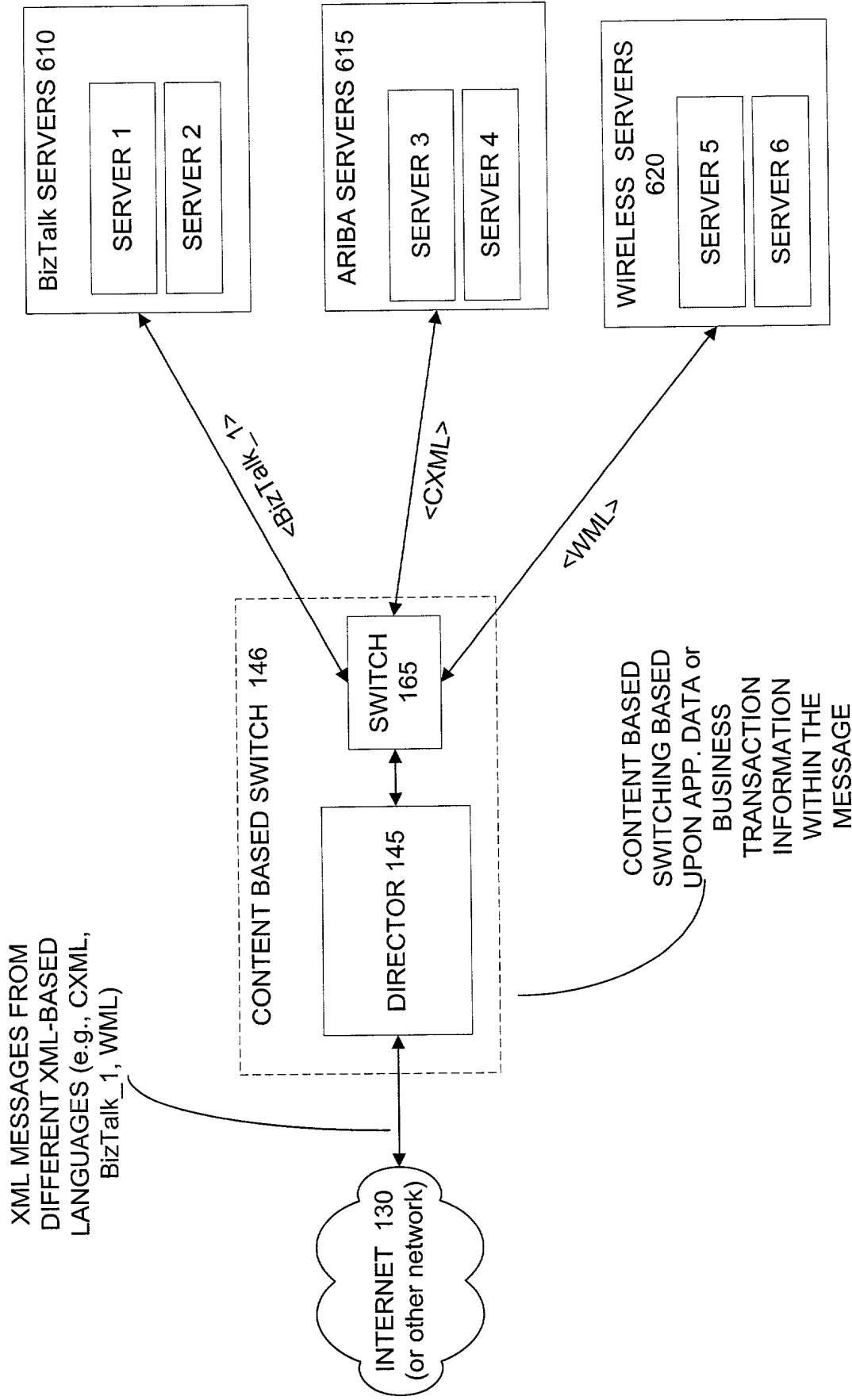


FIG. 6

FIG. 7 is a block diagram of a system for transforming data formats. The system includes a server 110, a wireless device 132, a computer 120, and a transforming switch 710. The server 110 includes an application program 112. The wireless device 132 is a PDA, cell phone, or other mobile device. The computer 120 includes a web browser 122. The transforming switch 710 includes a transformer 715, a director 145, and a switch 165. The system is connected to the Internet 130. Data is exchanged between the server 110, the wireless device 132, the computer 120, and the transforming switch 710 in different formats: Format A, Format B, Format C, Format D, Format E, and Format F.

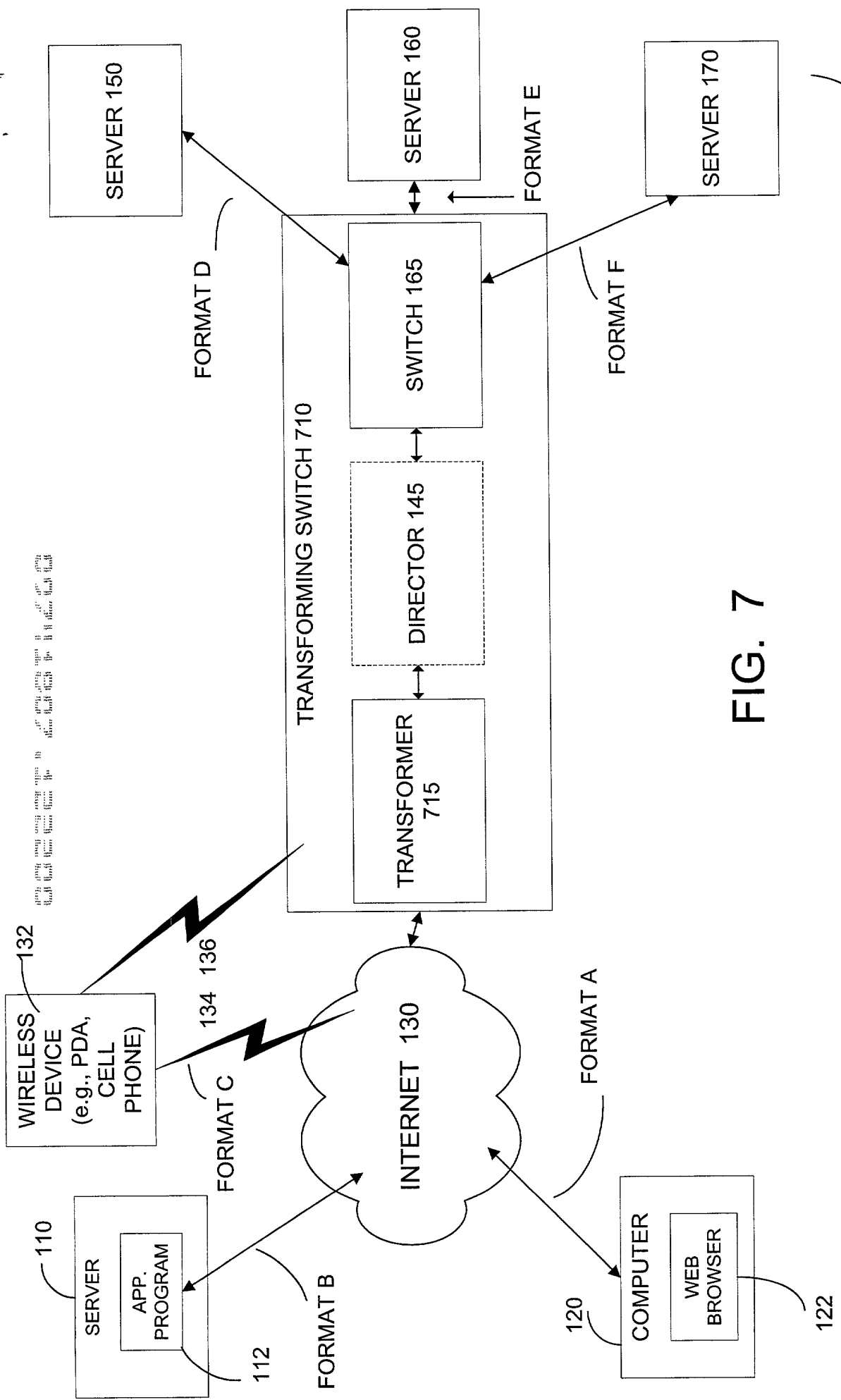


FIG. 7

PROCESSING NODES OR  
APPLICATION SERVERS  
(e.g., XML APPLICATION SERVERS)

FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a transforming switch 710A, which includes a security accelerator 815, a validation accelerator 142, a transformer 715, a message director 145, and a switch 165. The security accelerator 815 and validation accelerator 142 are shown as dashed boxes, while the transformer 715, message director 145, and switch 165 are shown as solid boxes. The switch 165 is connected to the message director 145, which is connected to the transformer 715, which is connected to the validation accelerator 142, which is connected to the security accelerator 815. The switch 165 is also connected to an output port 170. The security accelerator 815 is connected to an input port 170. The validation accelerator 142 is connected to the transformer 715. The transformer 715 is connected to the message director 145. The message director 145 is connected to the switch 165. The switch 165 is connected to the output port 170.

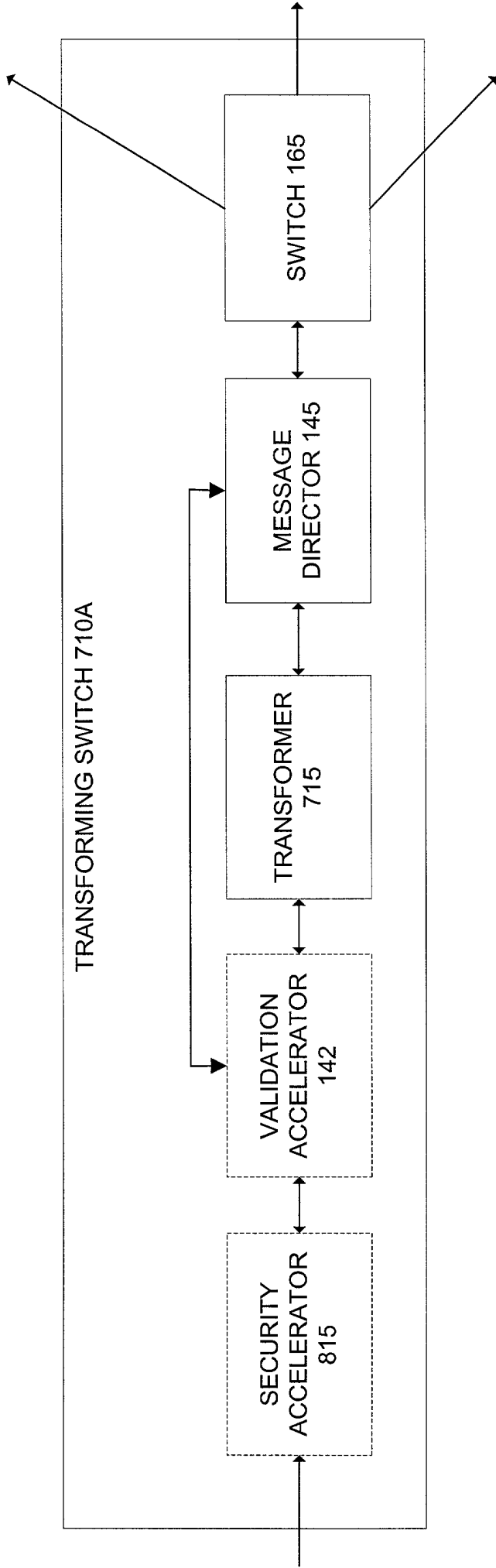


FIG. 8



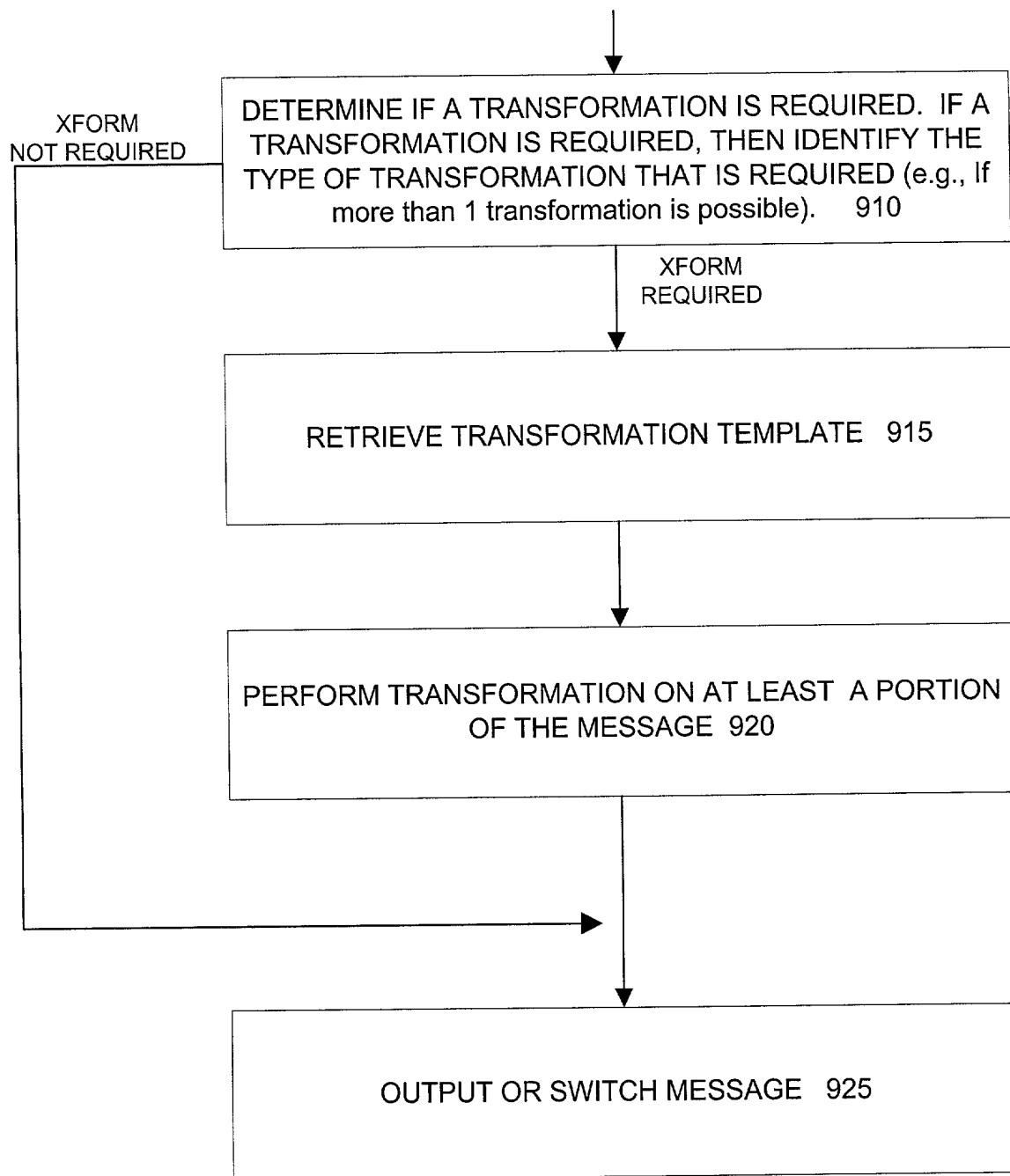


FIG. 9

# Format Transformation (Outbound)

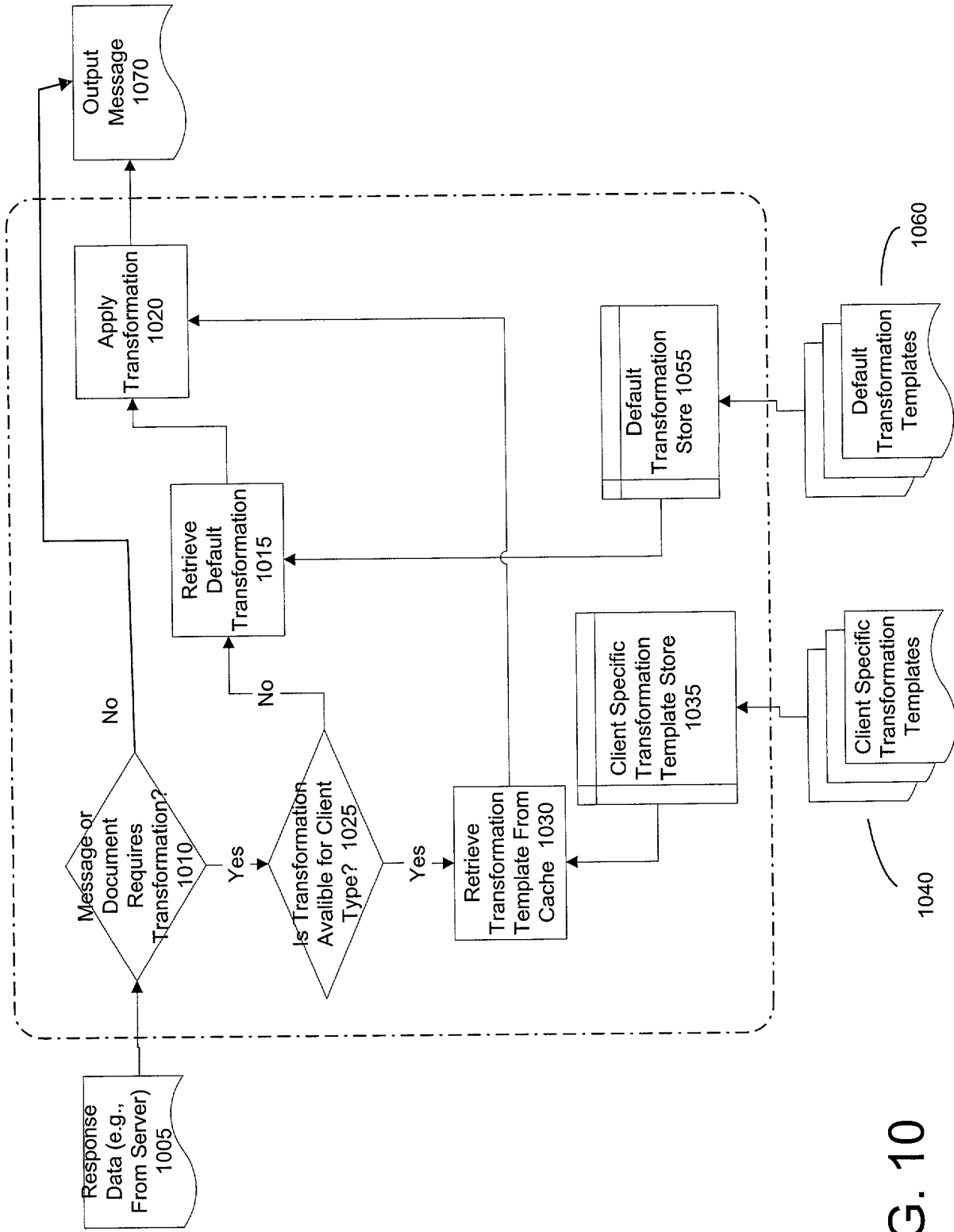


FIG. 10